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SUBJ: MNR CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF 1952 REVOLUTION

1. THE MNR CELEBRATED THE 21 ST ANNIVERSARY OF ITS APRIL 9, 1952 REVOLUTION WITH A PARADE THROUGH THE LA PAZ CITY STREETS AND SPEECHES AT THE CLOSED COLISEUM. MNR FIGURES AND PRESIDENT BANZER STRESSED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY IDEALS OF THE MNR AND FOR MNR PARTICIPATION IN THE PRESENT GOVERNING COALITION, THE FPN. BOTH MNR PARTY CHIEF PAZ ESTENSSORO AND SUB- CHIEF CIRO HUMBOLDT OBSERVED THAT ELECTIONS WERE NOT PRESENTLY NECESSARY, EVEN THOUGH THEY BOTH STATED THE MNR WOULD EASILY WIN THE ELECTIONS IF ANY WERE HELD. THE ONLY SOUR NOTES IN THE CEREMONIES WERE PUBLISHED LETTERS AND STATEMENTS BY EXILED SUB- CHIEF BEDREGAL AND ALIENATED PARTY LEADER ARELLANO, WHO ATTACKED BOTH PAZ PERSONALLY AND MNR PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT.

2. AS PART OF THE CEREMONIES, PAZ TOOK OVER THE ACTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY FROM ACTING CHIEF HUMBOLDT, WHO HAD MANAGED PARTY AFFAIRS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1972, WHEN PAZ LEFT FOR THE UNITED STATES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

3. COMMENT: THE MNR MADE NO ATTEMPT TO MOUNT AN IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION OF ITS SUPPORT, AND PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT BOTH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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